

being broadcast w.e.f. 8.5.76 and 24.6.91 respectively from these stations.

(b) to (e) Radio coverage is available to the entire state of Haryana from these two stations and from Delhi Channels. Hence, from radio coverage point of view both area and population wise, the existing centres are considered sufficient. However, a local Radio station with 6 KW FM Tr. MP studio is being set up at Hissar. The station is expected to be completed by December, 1997.

[English]

#### **Irregular Functiong of A.I.R Leh**

290. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether frequent break down in broadcasting services have become routine affairs of the Leh station of the AIR;

(b) whether most of the recordings and portable equipments have shifted to Kargil station of AIR resulting further deterioration of the programmes of Leh station of AIR;

(c) whether listeners have complained many times to the AIR authorities at Leh, as well as , Delhi for weak receptions in the remote areas and substandard and lack lustre programme being broadcast over the said station; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such occurance in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise.

#### **Daily flights from Vizag -Hyderabad and Vizag-Chennai-Calcutta**

291. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate daily flights from Vizag-Hyderabad and Vizag-Chennai in view of public demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI

JAYANTHI NATRAJAN): (a) to (c) Commercial and operational constraints at present do not permit operation of daily services on these routes. Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines is, however, already operating three flights per week on Vizag/Chennai/Vizag sector, six flights per week on Hyderabad/Vizag/Hyderabad sector and three flights per week on Vizag/Calcutta/Vizag route.

#### **Guidelines for Private Airlines**

292. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government intend to withdraw guidelines which make it mandatory for private airlines operating on trunk and other profitable routes as well as on an uneconomic routes;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the adverse impact of such a decision in communication-wise difficult zones or areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) However, various suggestions for providing concessions to air operators connecting the far flung, remote and inaccessible areas like the North-Eastern region, J & K, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are under consideration.

[Translation]

#### **Working Hours of Pilots**

293. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the prescribed working hours for the Pilots and crew members;

(b) whether the Government intend to reduce their working hours; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) Members of flight crew (both cockpit and cabin crew) are required to be utilised by operators in such a manner that they do not exceed flight time, flight duty time limitations and rest hours as notified by the DGCA.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Indian Films on International T.V. Network**

294. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether several international T.V. networks are telecasting Indian Films by purchasing their telecast right and thus are competing with Doordarshan ;

(b) if so, the number of films and other programmes produced by Doordarshan reported to have been sold to these agencies during each of the last two years;

(c) the details of foreign exchange as well as Indian currency earned therefrom; and

(d) the foreign exchange/rupee spent on importing films and other T.V. programmes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) International TV Networks have been purchasing right of Indian films from private producers and right holders for telecasting on their channels. Doordarshan is also telecasting Indian films on its networks/channels.

(b) Live feed of following important events were provided by Doordarshan to these competing channels for the larger benefit of audience living in India and abroad:

1. Budget speech of Finance Minister on 22nd July'96.
2. Prime Minister's Speech from Red Fort on 15th August'96
3. Budget Speech of Finance Minister on 28th February'97
4. Confidence Motion of Parliament on 11th April'97
5. Programmes in connection with 50th Anniversary of India's Independence telecast by Doordarshan on 14/15.08.97
6. Funeral Proceedings of Mother Teresa on 13th September '97

Only service charges were taken by Doordarshan for providing these live feeds.

(c) A sum of US \$ 1.27 lakhs was received by giving above feeds to the international competing T.V. channels.

(d) During 1996 and 1997, royalty amounting to Rs.4.25 crores, including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 1.97 crores was paid for acquiring rights of foreign programmes

#### **Functioning of Civil Aviation Sector**

295. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to prepare a comprehensive Legislation to streamline the functioning of Civil Aviation Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft of the said legislation has been finalised; and

(d) the date by which it is likely to be introduced in the Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) to (d) it will take some more time for the legislation to be brought before Parliament. No definite time schedule can be indicated at this stage.

#### **Assistance for Housing Scheme of U.P.**

296. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Government of Uttar Pradesh has forwarded some Housing Schemes for approval and financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the present status of each of them ; and

(d) the extent to which assistance is likely to be given, scheme-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) As on 31.10.97, Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has sanctioned 993 housing schemes with loan assistance of Rs.981.39 crores. On completion these projects would provide over 5.98 lakhs dwelling units, 0.87 lakh upgraded units and 0.55 lakh developed plots.

In addition, 15 housing schemes envisaging loan assistance of Rs.31.59 crores are in the pipeline. Details of these schemes are given in the attached Statement.